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British Attitude on Defection Leaflet

REF: [ ] 4405, 10 August 1953

1. For the information of addressees a follow-up to reference may prove interesting as the note received from [ ] on the subject reproduced in entirety below presents London's attitude more fully than reference.

2. Reference defection leaflet:

1. London has telegraphed that they have approved the text but they express the following views:

2. They can not regard the dropping of 300,000 leaflets advocating wholesale defection as coming under the heading of cover leaflets for resupply, and they also think that a new leaflet of this sort should be dropped as a separate operation.

3. The idea of the six weeks interval was agreed by us both as advisable to avoid a boomerang effect of too much propaganda. In this case they would agree to this leaflet being dropped in the last week of August.

3. Diplomacy's Left Hand, 8 August 1953 Economist expressing British resentment at unilateral action in the cold war on our part makes very interesting reading in conjunction with this subject.

20 August 1953

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